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SUBJ: SFCP: TRAVEL

REF: STATE 306074, STATE 216159, TUNIS 5312, TUNIS 6784

1. EMBASSY ARRANGING FOR PREPAID TICKET AS REQUESTED STATE
306074. KELLY WILL BE NOTIFIED DIRECTLY WHEN TICKET
AVAILABLE.

2. DUE RECENT GAO RULING, (STATE 216159) CONCERNING TRAVEL
BY SFCP PERSONNEL, AND IN CIRCUMSTANCES WHERE EXCESS
CURRENCY NOT ACCEPTED BY AMERICAN AIRLINES, EMBASSY
REQUESTS THAT FUTURE TRAVEL TO TUNISIA BE ARRANGED IN
WASHINGTON USING ALITALIA OR AIR FRANCE FOR TICKETING
AND TRAVEL. ARRANGEMENT OUTLINED TUNIS 5312 HAS SERVED
WELL AS STOP-GAP MEASURE WHILE QUESTION OF USE OF FOREIGN
CARRIERS AND NON-ACCEPTANCE OF DINARS BY U.S. CARRIERS
BEING CLARIFIED, BUT IS NO LONGER REQUIRED TO ASSURE
ESSENTIAL SFCP TRAVEL.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT NOTIFYING ALL SFCP AGENCIES
(AS INDICATED TUNIS 6784) THAT TRAVEL AND TICKETING ON
FOREIGN CARRIERS NOW, RPT NOW, POSSIBLE. EMBASSY READY TO
ASSIST TRAVELLERS AS NEEDED BUT CUMBERSOME PROCEDURES OF
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